

Catholic Parish of St Patrick Guildford

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**To Live, Love and Act
Like Jesus**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30am to 3:00pm
Friday: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Closed daily: 12:30pm to 1:00pm

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15 & 16 February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 9:15am

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:30pm to 5:15pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: After the 9:15am Mass, for one hour,
concluding with Benediction



Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office by telephone (9632.2672) to arrange a Baptism. Baptisms are held every 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 11:15am, or during any Sunday Mass, to be negotiated with the Parish Priest. Baptism Preparation will be explained when you contact the Parish Office.



Mass Intentions



Recently Deceased:

Katarina Skordilis, Father Joseph Tui, Aime Valugofulu, Meli Latuva Kulikovi, Helena Faupala Vaisala

Anniversaries:

Walfarida Tan, Safata Tokavahua, Matthew Lane, Kalil Mourched, Karen Cartwright, Arthur Elias, Felix Gonsalves, Lie Song Cut, Piet & Lidwina Lie

Deceased:

Romola Savellon, Vicente Araneta, Mary Jane Axiak, Rima & Bassima, Hanna & Family, Peter, Janette & Eid Majed & Family, Elias, Tony & Peter & Family, Sebastian Lobo, Alberto Aninon, Angel Pesirla, Soane & Doris Kikanoi & Family, Mikaela Liufau, Kapeliele & Finau Vakalepu, Tokavahua, Falaeo & Faupala Families, Tito Laufoaulu, Lea'Kina Tuini Katalina Fatu, Papiola & Pauliano Pooi, Holy Souls in Purgatory

PARISH PRAYER

Loving God we thank you for being with us always. Open our hearts to hear your voice.

Help us, Lord, to make this Parish a place of mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, respected, forgiven and encouraged.

In your love and wisdom, help and guide all of us to be good ambassadors for Christ, both in service to others and in proclaiming the Gospel.

Send your Holy Spirit among us Lord so that we may be filled with your grace and peace as we go about our lives in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



LITURGY OF THE WORD

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C



1ST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 1:1-4

Response: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

2ND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: LUKE 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

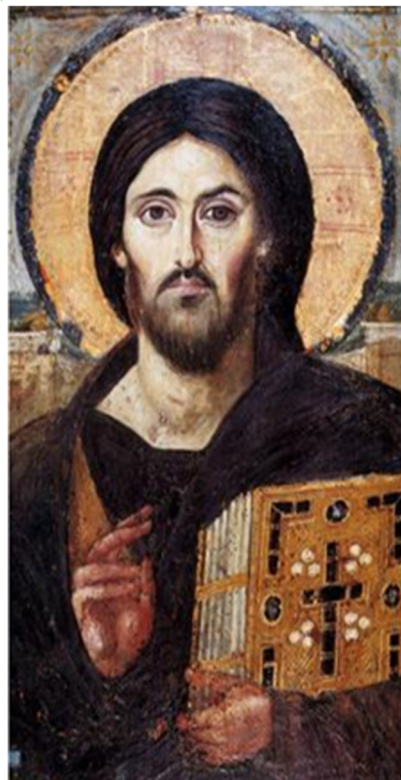
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



**Happy
are
they
who
hope
in the
Lord.**

**How do
I hope
in the
Lord?**

PARISH NOTICES

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

Who? Me? Yes...why not you? If not you...then who? What is an SRE? SREs are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SREs, (previously known as Catechists) go into *Guildford Public and Guildford West* state primary schools. New volunteer SREs will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper. To register your interest or make further enquiries visit or call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 (admin@guildfordcatholicchurch.org.au) or your SRE Parish Co-Ordinator on tassm@optusnet.com.au.

9:15AM TUESDAY MASS: The 9:15am Tuesday Mass has been cancelled up to and including Tuesday, 25 February 2025 whilst **Fr. Treesen is on annual leave**. The 9:15am Tuesday Mass will recommence on Tuesday, 4 March 2025.

~ Fr. Peter Blayney

HELP WANTED FOR 1ST SUNDAY MORNING

TEA: If four or five families volunteered, no single family would have to organise morning tea more than 2 or 3 times a year. It's quite simple, just getting there 30 minutes early to organise the chairs and start the urn to boil the water, and bring some biscuits. Afterwards, cleanup is straightforward. The people who have been organising it will show you how to do it. With adequate notice, people often bring a plate to share.

SMART TAP TO DONATE DEVICE is installed inside the church near the front glass doors. The Smart Tap can be used to make donations to the parish. There are four options from which to choose when making a donation: \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or "Other Amount" (selected by the donor). This way of donating has been used regularly by parishioners and visitors. On behalf of the parish Finance Committee, I thank everybody for their generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: To prevent confusion and assumptions, could parishioners clearly identify if a Mass intention, for publication in the Bulletin, is either **Recently Deceased, Anniversary or Deceased**. It would also be helpful if names were printed clearly on the envelope. Printed envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your co-operation.

CHURCH CLEANLINESS: A friendly reminder to keep the house of the Lord clean by taking all your rubbish with you at the conclusion of Holy Mass — this includes all used tissues. Thank you for your co-operation.

MUSICIANS NEEDED: Help is needed at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass. We would be grateful if there is someone who could help share the load. Please call the Parish Office on 9632.2672 if you are able to help.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Will be held in the Confessional Room every Saturday from 4:30pm to 5:15pm.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Will be held on Fridays, after the 9:15am Mass, for one hour, concluding with Benediction. This hour will be a quiet time of prayer and reflection.

ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB is for anyone over 55. We meet every two weeks on a Monday at 9:30am in the Parish Hall. All welcome. **For more information, please contact Keith on 9632.5379.**

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MEMORIAL MASS OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA: - 16 FEBRUARY: All are welcome to attend the Memorial Mass of St. Josephine Bakhita, the Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan and Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking at St. Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Sunday, 16 February at 2:00pm. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Australia and worldwide and thank God for the gifts that the South Sudanese and Sudanese communities contribute to our society.

SAFEGUARDING FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - 22 FEBRUARY: The next session of face-to-face Mandatory Safeguarding Training will be held on Saturday, 22 February at Holy Family Emerton for Cycle 1 (Module 1-3). More training opportunities will be available throughout February and May. **Please register directly for this training or for other convenient dates and locations by clicking on the training event at:** <https://parracatholic.org/connect/events/?series=safeguarding-training>. **For more information, please email:** safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

LIFTED LAUNCH - 27 FEBRUARY: Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, 27 February from 6:45pm to 9:30pm at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics. **Register now:** parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/.

MEN AT THE SHRINE is a monthly hour of adoration at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa held on the second Wednesday of each month. The hour begins with a brief reflection before a time of silent prayer. Confessions are available. The evening finishes with a light supper. All men are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. **Find the event on Facebook or for questions contact:** Bernard on 0416 106 871.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

MET NATURAL FERTILITY INSTRUCTION SESSIONS: MET Natural Fertility are organising a series of instruction sessions on the Natural Family Planning methods offered by the Diocese of Parramatta via Zoom. Learn how to chart your cycle, space out pregnancies and identify the best time to reach your family goals.

- Sympto-Thermal Method: 25 February at 7:15pm
- Billings Ovulation Method®: 18 March at 7:30pm

To book your place or for further information or instruction, please contact Catherine on: catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or telephone 0400 427 605.

FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS: Are you looking to read the Bible more in 2025 but don't know where to start? Consider the FREE FaithLIFE Scripture Short Course guided by Scripture scholar, Dr. Michele Connolly RSJ. **Wednesdays: 19 & 26 February. 6:30pm-8:30pm,** 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown - Bishop Bede Heather Centre.

RSVP via: <https://parracatholic.org/faithlife> or
Email: met@parracatholic.org

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 22-23 FEBRUARY: How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on 22-23 February, with future dates in May, August and November 2025. **For further information visit:** www.engagedencounter.org.au.

AMBROSE OPENS GOOD SHEPHERD PLUMPTON PRE-SCHOOL - ENROL NOW: Ambrose is excited to announce the official opening of Good Shepherd Plumpton Pre-School on Thursday, 30 January. Our spacious indoor rooms are filled with resources for play and inquiry-based learning, while the outdoor area offers garden beds, climbing equipment, bike tracks, a sandpit, and more for imaginative play. We're open from 7:00am-6:00pm, welcoming children aged 2 to 5. **Limited vacancies available:** www.ambrose.org.au/early-learning-good-shepherd-plumpton/.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY - 16 FEBRUARY: You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day on Sunday, 16 February and 18 May from 10:00am to 3:00pm at St. Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia. There will be an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers with periods of meditation for ongoing meditators, presentations and prayer with the monks. Mass will be celebrated in the afternoon. Morning tea is provided, but please bring your own picnic lunch. **For enquiries, please contact Ann Lomas on:** atlomas@bigpond.com or call 0437 340 250.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY WORKSHOP — 28 FEBRUARY: This evening will be for all those currently involved with children's liturgy in their parishes and invites those who are new to the ministry. We will cover the Diocesan Guidelines as well as any questions you may have. **When:** Friday, 28 February — 7:00pm-8:30pm. **Where:** Holy Family Church, Luddenham, 32 Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham. **RSVP by 24 February:** ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 765.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL OFFICE: The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm, to offer advice and assistance regarding marriage annulments and dissolution of marriages. Interviews are preferably conducted in person with Zoom and telephone interviews in special circumstances. Please contact the Tribunal Office on 8838.3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.

MOUNT SCHOENSTATT MONTHLY SHRINE TIME: Join us for Monthly Holy Hour for youth and young adults at the Schoenstatt Shrine, Mulgoa every fourth Sunday of the month for praise, worship, silence, prayer, reflection and benediction at the Shrine. There is the opportunity to go to confession and there is a small social gathering afterwards. **For further information please contact Sr. M. Rita via:** srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628. **Web:** <https://schoenstatt.org.au/>.

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL LUNCHEON WITH DR SUSAN CONNELLY RSJ - 15 MARCH: Join us for a luncheon with Dr. Susan Connelly rsj on the ACBC's Social Justice Statement 2024-25 "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on 15 March at 12:30pm. It is held at Hunters Hill Parish Hall, tickets \$35.00 each. **For further information:** call 4971.4090, email catalyst-for-renewal@outlook.com or book via <https://www.trybooking.com/CYPEV>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 – 7 MARCH: This year's theme will focus on the Cook Islands, and we look forward to a time of prayer and reflection, lifting up the people and the needs of this beautiful nation. It is a wonderful opportunity for our local churches to come together in unity and pray for our global community. **Location of Service:** Greystanes Uniting Church, Corner Cumberland and Eldridge Roads, Greystanes. **Date and Time:** Friday, 7 March 2025 — 10:00am. **Contact Number:** 9636,3245.

LITURGY NOTE

Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 39